DES is proposing to readopt with amendment the rules identified as Env-A 3800, Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Registry. The Initial Proposal, Rulemaking Notice, and Fiscal Impact Statement for the rules are available at <a href="http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pair">http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pair</a>.

The existing rules, Env-A 3800, implement RSA 125-L, Voluntary Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reductions Registry. The rules were adopted prior to the statute being amended to authorize and encourage New Hampshire to cooperate with the Eastern Climate Registry to develop a broader multi-state registry for voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. Since the statute was amended, the Eastern Climate Registry was replaced with The Climate Registry, the nonprofit organization created to establish consistent, transparent standards throughout North America for businesses and governments to calculate, verify and publicly report their carbon footprints in a single, unified registry. The proposed amendments are designed to incorporate the requirements of The Climate Registry.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 110-111 of the DES Offices at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. The deadline for submission of written comments is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009.

Comments or questions should be directed to Joanne Morin at the phone or fax number or e-mail address noted below.

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